

# motor city makeover



## The 2025 Cleanup Toolkit

### Citywide Clean-Up and Beautification

The City of Detroit is supporting block clubs, community groups and other organizations as they beautify their neighborhoods for **Motor City Makeover 365**.



**DEPARTMENT OF**  
Neighborhoods and General Services





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## Registration and information on website:

[www.motorcitymakeover.org](http://www.motorcitymakeover.org)

If you decide to change anything about your cleanup, make sure you contact your District Managers. Below is a step-by-step guide on how you can get started beautifying your community.

## Plan and Prepare:

- **Assemble a team:** Recruit individuals from the community, neighborhood, local organizations, etc.
- **Define roles:** Assign responsibilities to ensure smooth coordination.

## Identify the Cleanup Area:

- **Choose a location:** Select a specific area that you all want to focus on such as a park, community garden, alley or neighborhood street.
- **Assess the needs:** Determine the type and amount of debris expected.

## Set a Date and Time:

- **Choose a convenient time:** Consider factors like weather, volunteer availability, and potential conflicts. Suggest minimum 4 hours for most impactful
  - **District 1, 2 and 3: Saturday May 3rd**
  - **District 4 and 5: Saturday May 10th**
  - **District 6 and 7: Saturday May 17th**
- **Promote the event:** Publicize the cleanup date and time through various channels.



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## Recruit Volunteers:

Spread the word: Utilize social media, local newspapers, community newsletters, and flyers.

- **Partner with organizations:** Collaborate with local groups to leverage their networks.

## Gather Supplies:

- **Essential items:** Trash bags, gloves, trash grabbers, water, first-aid kits, and any necessary tools.
- Limited supplies will be supplied by the Dept. of Neighborhoods
- **Seek donations:** local businesses, organizations, volunteers, etc.
- Supply pick-up dates are (times will be shared upon registration)
  - **D1: April 29th @ Crowell Recreation**
  - **D2: May 2nd @ Northwest Activities Center**
  - **D3: April 30th @ Farwell Recreation**
  - **D4: May 9th @ Samaritan Center**
  - **D5: May 6th @ Butzel Family**
  - **D6: May 14th @ Patton Recreation**
  - **D7: May 16th @ Adams-Butzel Recreation**
- Make sure volunteers know to wear appropriate clothing & shoes for cleaning up
- Water/snacks
- **Tools:** Tool rental available through partner tool libraries: [www.motorcitymakeover.org](http://www.motorcitymakeover.org)
  - **Premier Group Associates**
  - **Bailey Park NDC**
  - **East Warren Tool Library**



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## Plan for Waste Disposal:

- Projects are limited to 2 special pickup locations (place locations in registration)
- Promote recycling: Encourage sorting and recycling of materials whenever possible.

## On the Day of the Cleanup:

- Assign tasks: Delegate specific areas or tasks to volunteers.
- Provide instructions: Ensure volunteers understand the safety procedures and cleanup protocols.
- Supervise and support: Monitor the cleanup, provide assistance, and ensure volunteers have a positive experience.
- Identify route of clean if applicable
- Proper Setup: lay out items before the volunteers arrive so you can easily hand it to everyone.
- **HAVE FUN AND TAKE PICTURES!**

## Post-Cleanup:

- Thank volunteers: Acknowledge their contributions and celebrate the success of the cleanup.
- Pack up your material and leave the cleanup location better than you found it!

## SHARE PICTURES!

- **Social Media:**
  - [@CITYOFDETROITDON](#)
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